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	Examiner Octavia Davis	Art Unit 2855

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>9/29/04</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 17 – 20, 27, 28, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ray.

Regarding claims 1, 2, 10, 19, 20 and 28, Ray discloses a sensorless rotor position measurement system comprising steps of estimating the rotor angle (See Col. 3, lines 39- 44), correcting the estimated rotor angle on the basis of reactive power input to the motor (See Col. 4, lines 37 – 56), integrating stator voltage and current values utilizing integrators 9 and estimating the rotor angle during motor start-up according to a predetermined motor load model in conjunction with a start-up sequencer 3 (See Col. 3, lines 39 – 44).

Regarding claims 9, 17, 27 and 35, the position of the angle is estimated (See Col. 2, lines 55 - 65).

Regarding claims 18 and 36, the estimation step includes the step of correcting phase errors caused by said integration via a circuit with phase compensation (F) (See Cols. 3 and 4, lines 45 – 51 and 43 – 46).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 3 - 8, 11 – 16, 21 – 26 and 29 – 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ray in view of Schroedl et al.

Regarding claims 3 - 8, 11 - 16, 21 – 26 and 29 - 34, Ray discloses all of the limitations of these claims except for a teaching that the load model is representative of motor acceleration/friction torque, motor frequency and current feedback. However, Schroedl et al disclose a method and circuit arrangement for the sensorless detection of the angle of rotation of a synchronous machine comprising a permanent magnet-excited synchronous machine 81 supplied by a voltage intermediate circuit frequency 83 and a position detection unit 88 receiving currents from a current measuring device 32, wherein the rotor position is corrected using instantaneous estimated values of position, rpm, torque, flux amount and circuit voltage and each value is supplied to a correcting member 89 via line 91 (See Col. 10, lines 26 – 40 and 46 - 65).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Ray according to the teachings of Schroedl et al for the purpose of, utilizing the corrected rotor position information as an adaptation of the position determined by the voltage module (See Schroedl et al, Col. 10, lines 41 – 45).

Conclusion

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5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Luukko (6,396,236) discloses a method of minimizing errors in a rotor angle estimate in a synchronous machine.

Chen (6,377,019) discloses an induction motor control system for electric vehicles.

Chen (6,327,524) discloses a device for high efficiency motor control.

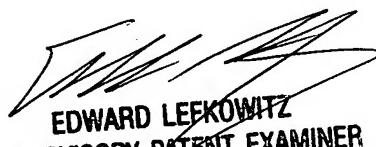
Slicker et al (4,777,422) disclose an induction motor flux estimator/controller.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Octavia Davis at telephone number (571) 272 - 2176. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursdays (9:00 - 5:00), Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz, can be reached on (571) 272 - 2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872 - 9306.

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